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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 0051

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: OVERFLIGHTS BY ETHIOPIAN WAR PLANES

REF: DJIBOUTI 0050

1. IN DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN WAR, FRENCH AMB
REPORTED TWO ETHIOPIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT INCURSIONS DJIBOUTI AIR-
SPACE. ON THURS., 12 JAN, AN AIRCRAFT BELIEVED PHOTO RECON OVER-
FLEW WESTERN BORDER REGION FROM AREA OD DIKHIL NORTH TO GALAFI,
WHERE ROAD FROM DJIBOUTI CROSSES FRONTIER TO CONNECT WITH ASSAB-ADDIS
HIWAY. A MORE DRAMATIC INCURSION TOOK PLACE THE FOLLOWING
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DAY, WHEN TWO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FLEW THROUGH HILL PASSES BELOW RADAR
CONTACT LEVEL AND UP THE GULF OF TADJOURA TO DORALE BEACH AREA
LOCATED ONLY ABOUT 12 MI. FROM TOWN OF DJIBOUTI. FRENCH
AMB UNABLE SPECULATE ON MILITARY PURPOSE THIS LATER INCIDENT
WHICH WOULD AT MOST HAVE RESULTED IN PHOTOS NUMEROUS BEACH
VACATIONERS NORMALLY PRESENT ON BEACHES ON GULF ON FRI. LOCAL
DAY OFF. THESE OVERFLIGHTS COULD HAVE BEEN RELATED TO ROAD CONV-

VOY OF PASSENGER CARS AND TRUCKS BEING DRIVEN FROM DJIBOUTI TO ADDIS
ABABA ON 14 JAN.

2. FRENCH HAVE NOT INFORMED DJIBOUTIANS OF THESE OVERFLIGHTS.
HOWEVER, AMB BASTOUIL STATED THAT IF THEY CONTINUED, IT
WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR FRENCH AIR FORCE UNITS TO RESPOND.
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